**Mr. S. Ramappa.—**

What is the total realisation from railway cess in the Kolar District? And, to discharge the railway liabilities, how much more money will be required ?

**General Secretary to Government.—**

Notice.

**Mr. S. Ramappa.—**

In how many years can the liability be discharged ?

**Second Member of Council.—**

Notice.

**Mr. H. Krishnamurthyachar.—**

When the programme of railway extension is still pending execution, is it justifiable to utilise the income from railway cess for other general purposes ?

**Dewan.—**

I am afraid that is not a supplementary question.

MR. CHIKMUNIAPPA (Sidlaghatta Taluk).—

*Q.—19.* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The number of applications received from the Sidlaghatta Taluk for the supply of electric irrigation water pumps ?

(*b*) Whether any advances have been made by such applicants ?

(*c*) The names of villages in which and the number of wells for which advances have been so paid ?

(*d*) The number of panchayets that have consented to take electric street lights ?

(*e*) How long back were these advances made ?

(*f*) What measures have so far been taken to instal pumps ?

(*g*) Whether it is possible to refund the advances to the applicants in case there is no chance of supplying electric power in the near future ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.—

*A.—19.* (*a*) 24.

(*b*) 9 applicants have paid the initial deposit.

(*c*)

| *Village.* | | *No. of wells.* |
|---|---|---|
| Melur | .... | .... 1 |
| Muthur | .... | .... 1 |
| Annur | .... | .... 1 |

(*d*) 7.

(*e*) April and May 1932.

(*f*) A comprehensive estimate for extending power lines from Chikballapur to Sidlaghatta, Melur, Vadigenahalli, etc., has been received.

(*g*) Yes.

*Supplementary Questions and Answers.*

**Mr. S. Ramappa.**—

Did the villagers themselves volunteer or did Government advise them to get the pumps installed ?

**Secretary to Government, Electrical Department.**—

Government ascertained the wishes of the villagers.

**Mr. S. Ramappa.**—

When was the estimate received for extending the power lines ?

**Secretary to Government, Electrical Department.**—

In October 1932.

**Mr. S. Ramappa.**—

Has any expenditure in that regard been provided for in the budget for 1933-34 ?

**Secretary to Government, Electrical Department.**—

No.

**Mr. S. Ramappa.**—

Will the amount required be provided in the next year's budget ?

**Secretary to Government, Electrical Department.**—

It is too early to say that.

**Mr. S. Ramappa.—**

Instead of refunding the advances to the applicants, cannot the Government give an assurance that they will supply electric power?

**Secretary to Government, Electrical Department.—**

The idea is that as far as possible electric power should be given. But it all depends upon the financial situation.

**Mr. S. Ramappa.—**

If the financial situation next year continues to be as at present, will the Government supply power next year?

**Secretary to Government, Electrical Department.—**

We shall try to do so, but we cannot give any assurance to that effect.

**Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—**

If power is not given, will the Government refund the advances with interest in view of the fact that the villagers have borrowed the money and have to pay interest on it?

**Mr. S. Venkataswami Gowda.—**

Is it for keeping with you for so many years and then returning to the people that you collected money from them, or is it for giving them electricity?

**Secretary to Government, Electrical Department.—**

But there are unforeseen obstacles.

**Mr. S. Venkataswami Gowda.—**

Why not supply power immediately at least to such of the villages as are situated within a radius of 9 or 10 miles from the present line?

**Secretary to Government, Electrical Department.—**

So many municipalities and panchayets want electricity, and before giving power, Government will have to examine which of them require it more urgently.

**Mr. S. Venkataswami Gowda.—**

How long will it take to give electricity at least to all the villages?

**Secretary to Government, Electrical Department.—**

Cannot say that now.

**Mr. H. Krishnamurthyachar.—**

Is it just to insist on a guarantee of 8 per cent return even though that condition was not laid down originally?

**Secretary to Government, Electrical Department.—**

Whether it is just or not, is not a supplementary question; it is a matter of opinion.

**Mr. H. Krishnamurthyachar.—**

The villagers of Mulbagal Taluk paid the money long ago; is it fair on the part of Government to ask for a guarantee of 8 per cent now?

**Secretary to Government, Electrical Department.—**

We shall inquire into that question.

**Mr. Veerasanjeeva Gowda.—**

Why did not Government ask for a guarantee of 8 per cent from the very beginning?

**Secretary to Government, Electrical Department.—**

It was expected that an 8 per cent return would be realised; since it is not being realised, Government have to ask for a guarantee.

**Mr. Veerasanjeeva Gowda.—**

Will not insistence on an 8 per cent guarantee prejudice the interests of rural development?

**Secretary to Government, Electrical Department.—**

Non-insistence will prejudice the interest of the administration

**Mr. Veerasanjeeva Gowda.—**

Even without the guarantee, people are not freely taking power; at such a time will many applicants be forthcoming if a guarantee is insisted upon?

**Dewan.—**

The thing is this: in many cases the quantity of power applied for is not actually taken, while a lot of public money

has been spent on the work. There must be an assurance to Government of a proper return. Where power can be given to any place without any capital expenditure, no guarantee is asked for. But where a fresh line has to be taken, for which extra capital expenditure has to be incurred, a guarantee is absolutely necessary.

**Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar.—**

By all means take guarantee in cases where a line has to be extended over long distances. But in the case of short distances, the guarantee of 8 per cent is too much.

**Dewan.—**

The object of the Government is certainly not to deny electric power to any place or person. On the other hand, it is their ambition that every village should have electric power.

**Mr. R. Subba Rao.—**

Please do not insist upon a guarantee in cases where the extension of the power line is less than 3 miles.

**Secretary to Government, Electrical Department.—**

If 8 per cent guarantee weighs heavily on anybody, the department will be quite prepared to take a lumpsum payment to cover the cost of extending the line.

**Mr. R. Subba Rao.—**

At least in the case of villages situated within one or two miles from the existing lines, let no guarantee be asked.

**Dewan.—**

We will see about it.

**Messrs. D. S. Mallappa and M. S. Linge Gowda.—**

Is not 8 per cent return too high and will it not be possible to reduce it to 5 per cent at least?

**First Member of Council.—**

Eight per cent is not the net return. It represents the gross receipts, out of which the maintenance charges and working expenses have to be met. So, strictly speaking, it is only the balance left, which will not be more than 4 or 5 per cent, that represents the guarantee.

At this stage, many members requested that the Mysore Dasara Exhibition which was due to be closed on that day be extended by two days since some of them had not had the time to visit it so far.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that he would give instructions to extend it by one day.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR represented to the President that the installation of a loud speaker in the Assembly Hall was a great necessity.

THE DEWAN replied that it would be done before the next year.

## REPRESENTATIONS—(*Continued*).

The adjournment motion which had been permitted to be discussed as a representation was first taken up.

MR. M. SUBBIAH said that, after repeated prayers of the people, Government had been pleased in 1929 to exempt the levy of toll on all country carts. That order was in force since then, but latterly the Seringapatam Municipality had been levying toll on all country carts passing through the toll-gate at the rate of one anna on loaded carts and half an anna on unloaded carts without any exemption in respect of through traffic. The municipality had opened two gates for the purpose of collecting toll on all traffic between Seringapatam and Paschimavahini and Ganjam and Mysore, and the distance between these two gates was as much as $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. And the municipality was willing to give a refund of the toll collected provided the carts entering by one gate cleared away from the other gate within 15 minutes. But since country carts could not cover a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles within such a short period, it was impossible for them to get the refund. He therefore requested that instructions be issued to the Seringapatam Municipality to the effect that no toll should be levied on country carts at all.

MR. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR in supporting the representation said that Government had promised in the past that no toll would be levied on country carts in case of through traffic even though such carts might enter municipal limits. But now the Seringapatam Municipality levied the toll in respect of through traffic on country carts because they entered the municipal toll-gates. He did not understand the justice of the levy.

Further, he said that the procedure prescribed for granting refunds was rather too involved and inconvenient.